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To: "Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA" <white.terri-a@epa.gov>
CC:
Subject: EPA announces preliminary findings

Dear Sir or Maddam,

Can you explain why the EPA has apparently announced preliminary findings (after 11 tests) ... why it would not wait until 60 samples were evaluated?

I have a background in clinical research as a patient advocate ... where it is considered bad science to base conclusions on a small subset - particularly when the interim results are announced before the study is completed.

Your comments would be appreciated.

Re: Fracking Fight: Activists Cry Foul on the EPA's Dimock Water Test Announcement
<http://bit.ly/GEk1PM>

"On March 15, the EPA reported preliminary results showing that water in 11 homes were contaminated - but not at levels of health concern. Water at two homes tested positive for arsenic and water at six of homes contained sodium, methane, chromium and bacteria at levels the EPA considers to be safe for drinking water."

Re: EPA to Begin Sampling Water at Some Residences in Dimock, Pa.
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/79c090e81f0578738525781f0043619b/8eb78248ce13d9dc8525798a0070f991!opendocument>

"The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today that it plans to perform water sampling at approximately 60 homes in the Carter Road/Meshoppen Creek Road area of Dimock, Pa. to further assess whether any residents are being exposed to hazardous substances that cause health concerns."

Respectfully,

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